(b) Measures to prevent and discourage travelling on roofs of the trains include exhibition of notices and posters at station premises, announcements through public address system at important Railway stations highlighting the dangers of roof travelling, checks by TTEs and prosecution by RPF/GRP of offenders detected during raids/checks. Capacity is also augmented to the extent possible by providing additional coaches or running additional trains when there is extra demand for accommodation on trains during festivals etc.

Ex-gratia pension scheme to retired railwaymen

2993. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from various Retired Railwaymen's organisations for extending Ex-gratia pension scheme to those surviving retirees who had retired under Provident Fund scheme prior to introduction of pension scheme; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the IVth Pay Commission had recommended grant of such pension to retirees and dependents of deceased P.F. retirees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Requests from various Retired Railwaymen's Organisations have been received for payment of ex-gratia to those employees who retired under the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme prior to 31.3.85 with basic pay upto Rs. 500/- per month. Those persons who had retired prior to introduction of the Pension Scheme are already covered under the Scheme of ex-gratia pension introduced in 1967.

(b) The IVth Pay Commission had recommended grant of ex-gratia payment at the rate of Rs. 300/- per month to such employees as had retired under the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme prior to 31.3.85 with pay upto Rs. 500/- per month. The Commission had also recommended grant of ex-gratia payment at the rate of Rs. 150/- p.m. to widows and dependent children of deceased Contributory Provident Fund beneficiaries.

Functions, services of the Container Corporation of India Ltd.

2994. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives, functions, services of the Container Corporation of India Ltd. a Government Enterprise; and

(b) whether Container Corporation of India Ltd. assigned, appointed agents in Delhi and adjoining areas for booking and delivery of domestic/International cargo container, if so, the names and addresses of such agents, entitlement of commission, facilities and incentives offered to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has been set up to provide multimodal logistics support for the country's international and inernal trade and commerce. It aims to provide composite infrastructural services in a competitive environment at least cost to the society by creating a network of modern terminal facilities for container handling, cargo aggregation and distribution.

(b) No, Sir.

New schemes and projects of Tamil Nadu

2995. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes and projects assured by his predecessor in the National Front Government when he visited Tamil Nadu during that period; and